



Dear Community Members

A difficult and disorienting time for our community and for the world.

We would have thought that this is the time for our Council to focus only on issues that are critical to Council operations and community well being.

So why is Council planning to include amendments to the St Leonards South plan as an agenda item in the middle of the COVID 19 emergency?

We have been advised that a report on amendments to the St Leonards South Plan will be on the agenda for consideration at a forthcoming Council meeting.

We have no idea what resolutions might come out of the Council meeting but it is possible Council may vote on an amended SLS Plan.

This would be totally at odds with a Mayoral Minute passed on 18 November 2019 that stated that community consultation would take place before Council considered significant amendments to the SLS Plan.

We can see no imperative to deal with SLS in the middle of a global health and economic emergency, at a time when Council meetings are to be held on AV link and the community cannot meet to express the concerns it has held about SLS since 2015.

We have written to Councillors today urging them to delay consideration of amendments to the SLS Plan until community consultation has taken place and until the COVID 19 emergency has subsided and until genuine dialogue with the community is completed.

https://mcusercontent.com/c6f5e8b74a616ec50df715c3e/files/baed562c-8a21-4b9c-bdba-85fc0534b2ec/GCA_to_Councillors_Letter_1_200320.pdf

Petition with 919 signatures off to the Minister for Planning on 30 March

Thank you to all for your support of the petition to the Minister for Planning asking him to direct his Department to revise the SLS Design Charrette recommendations to include the IPC's finding that SLS represents overdevelopment.

Almost without exception, signatories are locals, people who will be impacted by the overdevelopment of SLS.

We have advised Councillors that this petition will be presented to the Minister tomorrow.

https://mcusercontent.com/c6f5e8b74a616ec50df715c3e/files/47bad13e-0fce-4ef1-afc7-2d76eef19984/GCA_to_LCC_Petition_203020.pdf

Our April General Meeting will not take place

It goes without saying that our April meeting will not take place but we will endeavour to publish our newsletter for letterbox distribution.

Lane Cove Council meetings will now take place on AV link and will be webcast.

And a thank you to our wonderful local businesses

We are so fortunate to be supported by wonderful local businesses.

A big thank you to you all for your amazing support of the community during this difficult time.

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